



Milwaukee County

Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., 10th District

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SUPERVISOR BIDDLE TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR WISCONSIN FAMILIES FORWARD

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., will appear at a news conference Thursday to pledge his support for Family Care and stand in solidarity with families of children with disabilities who are concerned about a proposed cap on the program. The event will be held by Wisconsin Families Forward, a statewide family group formed in response to the proposed cuts.

“It is very important that Governor Scott Walker and the State Legislature invest in our most vulnerable citizens,” said Supervisor Biddle, who serves as Vice-Chair of the County Board’s Health and Human Needs Committee.

A freeze on Family Care enrollment, expected to begin June 30, 2011, likely will result in increased Medical Assistance expenditures for costly nursing home care. The Legislature's budget committee voted to approve the cap on Family Care enrollment recommended by Governor Walker. The rest of the Legislature should take positive action and lift this cap so the Milwaukee County Department of Family Care can continue to provide long-term care in the community to elderly and persons with disabilities ages 18 to 59. Under the proposed enrollment cap, elderly in Milwaukee County would be placed on a waiting list for the first time in more than a decade. Additionally, the 2,000 persons with disabilities who are already on a waiting list for service would remain in need.

“The cost to continue Family Care in its current form would cost just a fraction of what this State plans to spend on highways in the next two years,” Supervisor Biddle said. “We need to make sure vulnerable individuals don’t continue to fall through the cracks. They are worth the cost of care.”

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Thursday, June 9, 2011, 12:00 noon

Independence FIRST, 540 South First Street, Milwaukee, WI

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